

at least one weakened tear line, selected from the group consisting of pre-slit cut lines, perforated lines and microperforated lines, wherein said weakened tear line being of such a shape and location that it substantially separates said at least one first area from said at least one second area and wherein said weakened tear line providing a low tear strength that directs an initial tear, started at one of the parallel side edges of said perimeter[sticker], to propagate along its path by offering lower resistance to tear against an applied tear force.

~~Claim 14 (thrice-amended):~~


~~A temporary posting adhesive-coated sticker capable of being temporarily attached to an application surface, comprising:~~

~~a sheet of opaque flexible material, said sheet having a perimeter defined by two parallel side edges, a top edge and a bottom edge, said sheet having at least one first area and at least one second area; said first area extending to [being located immediately adjacent to an] said top edge of said [sticker] sheet perimeter and extending from one of said parallel side edges to the other of said parallel side edges and being completely and continuously [at least partially] coated with an adhesive coating; said second area being located immediately adjacent to said first area and being substantially free from said adhesive coating and providing a memo writing space; said adhesive coating being of a temporary adhesion nature such that when said sticker is attached to and subsequently peeled off said application surface, said adhesive coating remains on said first area of said sticker and said application surface suffers no damage; and,~~

~~at least one weakened tear line, selected from the group consisting of pre-slit cut lines, perforated lines and microperforated lines, wherein said weakened tear line [originates within] extends from said [at least one first area] top edge to said bottom edge [and ends within said at least one second area] and wherein said weakened tear line providing a low tear strength that directs an initial tear, started at either end of said weakened tear line, to propagate along the path of said weakened tear line by offering lower resistance to tear against an applied tear force.~~

Claim 15 (thrice-amended):

A temporary posting adhesive-coated sticker capable of being temporarily attached to an application surface, comprising:

 a sheet of opaque flexible material, said sheet having a perimeter defined by two parallel side edges, a top edge and a bottom edge, said sheet having at least one first area and at least one second area; said first area extending to [being located immediately adjacent to an] said top edge of said [sticker] sheet perimeter and extending from one of said parallel side edges to the other of said parallel side edges and being completely and continuously [at least partially] coated with an adhesive coating; said second area being located immediately adjacent to said first area and being substantially free from said adhesive coating and providing a memo writing space; said adhesive coating being of a temporary adhesion nature such that when said sticker is attached to and subsequently peeled off said application surface, said adhesive coating remains on said first area of said sticker and said application surface suffers no damage; and,

at least one weakened tear line, selected from the group consisting of pre-slit cut lines, perforated lines and microperforated lines, wherein said weakened tear line extends from one of said parallel side edges to the other of said parallel side edges and is located, in its entirety, within said at least one second area and wherein said weakened tear line providing a low tear strength that directs an initial tear, started at either end of said weakened tear line, to propagate along the path of said weakened tear line [path] by offering lower resistance to tear against an applied tear force.

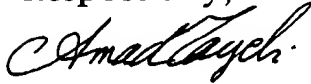
7. All of the above amendments to the claims have basis in the drawings as filed and/or in other segments in the description and do not add any new matter.

8. Applicant hereby concurrently files this Continued Prosecution Application of Serial No. 09/253,174 and encloses a completed CPA Request Transmittal form and a filing fee check in the amount of \$355.00.

9. In view of the above amendments, applicant respectfully submits that thrice-amended independent claims 13, 14 and 15 are now believed to be allowable and passage to issuance is respectfully requested.

10. If there remain any matters that may be resolved by telephone, the Examiner is invited to call applicant to resolve such matters.

Respectfully,



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